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SUBJECT: SALE OF ROLLS ROYCE ENGINES TO THE USSR

REF: FURNESS-WKMILLER OFFICIAL - INFORMAL, 9/26 (NOTAL)

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARRACLOUGH MET DEC. 22 WITH
UK EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES MURPHY AND CRUICKSHANK TO PRE-
SENT LETTER RESPONDING TO AUGUST 5 UK REQUEST FOR AN AD-
VISORY OPINION (A) WHETHER USG WOULD LICENSE US-ORIGIN COM-
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PONENTS FOR INCORPORATION IN THE ROLLS ROYCE RB-211 JET
ENGINES FOR SALE TO THE USSR AND (B) WHETHER SUCH A TRANS-
ACTION WOULD REQUIRE COCOM CLEARANCE. USG RESPONSE TO (A)
IS NEGATIVE AND TO (B) POSITIVE. UK REPS INDICATED THAT
DECISION HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED AND ASKED IF SIMILAR DETER-
MINATION WOULD BE GIVEN GENERAL ELECTRIC (WHICH HAS A
LICENSE APPLICATION PENDING TO SELL THE CF-6 JET ENGINE,

COMPARABLE TO THE RB-211). UK REPS WERE ASSURED THAT THE
USG WOULD REACH A SIMILAR DECISION ON COMPARABLE ENGINES.

2. FYI: USG RESPONSE, WHICH REFLECTED INTERAGENCY POSITIONS
AND CONCURRENCE, STRESSED RISKS OF TRANSFERRING SENSITIVE
TECHNOLOGY EMBODIED IN THE RB-211 WHICH WOULD AID IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET ENGINES. USG DETERMINED THAT COCOM
CLEARANCE WOULD BE REQUIRED BECAUSE IL-86D, IN WHICH THE
ENGINES WOULD HAVE BEEN MOUNTED, IS NOT YET IN SERVICE, THE

TEST REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL UNDER COCOM DEFINITIONS (IL 1460
AND INTERPRETATIVE NOTE 10).

3. THE NEXT STEPS ARE UP TO THE UK. THE UK REPS DID NOT
RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE ACTION AT THE DEC. 22
MEETING, BUT THE BRITISH MAY EVENTUALLY DECIDE TO RAISE
THE MATTER AT A HIGHER LEVEL OR GO IT ALONE DESPITE KNOWL-
EDGE OF US DISAPPROVAL ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO INDICATION THEY
WOULD TAKE SUCH ACTION. HOWEVER, WE RECALL IN THIS CON-
NECTION THE UK SALE OF SPEY JET ENGINE TECHNOLOGY TO THE
PRC IN 1975.

4. IN THE GE CASE, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ON DEC. 22
(I.E., SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE NOTIFICATION TO THE UK) AD-
VISED GE OF ITS PRELIMINARY INTENT TO DENY GE'S APPLICA-
TION TO SELL 12 CF-6 ENGINES TO THE USSR (ALSO FOR MOUNTING
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IN THE IL-86D). USG REPS WILL MEET WITH GE IN JANUARY TO
HEAR GE'S RESPONSE TO THE USG RATIONALE FOR DENYING ITS
CASE, AFTER WHICH, UNLESS GE IS EXTRAORDINARILY PERSUASIVE,
A FORMAL LICENSE DENIAL WILL BE ISSUED, WHICH GE MAY
APPEAL. IT IS OUR INTENT TO TREAT GE AND THE BRITISH SIM-
ILARLY. END FYI.

5. THE GE CASE HAS ATTRACTED SOME PRESS AND PUBLIC ATTEN-
TION, MOSTLY UNFAVORABLE. FOR LONDON AND PARIS: DEPARTMENT
IS POUCHING SOME BACKGROUND MATERIAL SUPPORTING THE USG
DETERMINATION IN THE BRITISH CASE WHICH MAY BE DRAWN UPON
IN RESPONDING TO OFFICIAL (NOT RPT NOT PUBLIC) INQUIRIES.
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